

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2457

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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CHINA RUSSIA AND INDONESIA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in Navbharat Times dated February 10,2000 captioned `Char Deshon Ke Beech Bazar Sajhedari Badhame Ka Indonesia ka Sujhav`

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the names of the commodities on which a trade pact is likely to be signed among these four countries; and

(d) the date from which it is likely to be implemented

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d): The President of Indonesia, during his recent visit to India, had made remarks in a meeting organised by FICCI on 9.2.2000 in New Delhi that a larger market could be set up including China, India, Indonesia, Russia and other neighbouring countries. However, no concrete proposal for setting up such an arrangement has been made.